IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 28th November 2010

CQ CQ calling news items

If your group or club are involved in anything that you would like to share with our Listeners or readers please pass on the information to our editor.

DX Activity

Active DXers have had plenty to keep them occupied in recent times. A number of major DXpeditions are underway, also several groups preparing for the CQWW CW contest this weekend have been testing their equipment, while teams in the four new DXCC entities created following the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles have also been active.

One of the bigger DXpeditions on the air at present is the ZL8X group activating Kermadec Island, which is North of New Zealand. The group consisting of mainly German operators has been on the air since 19th November and is planning to continue the operation until early December. Many EI call signs are already in their log; topping the list at the time of writing is John EI7BA, with 7 QSOs, mostly CW.

Another operator has appeared from Tristan da Cunha with the call ZD9T. This is DJ2EH who will be there till 8th December. QSL info is via his home call in Germany.

A station to commemorate the 152nd anniversary of the birth of Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose who is known as 'the Father of Radio Communication' will be on the air from India until 5th December. The call is AU2JCB which will be of interest to prefix chasers as the normal prefix for India is VU.

The well-known DXer Sigi DL7DF will be QRV from Vietnam as XV4SP until 6th December. He is operating from Phu Quoc Island which counts as AS-128 for the IOTA Award. QSLs are via his home call.

Members of the Russian Robinson Club plan to operate from the Ujelang Atoll in the Marshall Islands probably during the period 7th to 12th December. The callsign will be V73RRC. QSL Manager for this one is N7RO.

Nick G3RWF who was active recently as 5Z4LS in Kenya will pay a short visit to Uganda in the coming week and will sign 5X1NH until 5th December.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be holding its AGM on Friday 3rd December at 20.20.

The venue is Hannons Hotel Roscommon Town. All members are requested to attend and anybody wishing to join the club is more than welcome to turn up on the night.

For further information please contact Brian EI8IU on 0862514822 or any club member.

Rallies

Advance notice PHOENIX A.R.C. RADIO RALLY 2011

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club annual rally will be held on Sunday 20th February 2011 in the usual venue, Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown.

Doors open for Traders at 9.00 am Doors open to public 11.00am Admission 5 Euros. To book tables contact Tony at 0872439997 or Tom at 01-8211043.

Plenty of Parking, Refreshments and Bring and Buy Sale. All usual traders will attend.

This is the First Rally of 2011 come, meet friends and enjoy it.

For further details on Rallies please see <u>www.irts.ie/rallies</u>

This week in History

1885 Earliest photograph of a meteor shower made

1902 Marconi sends faint signals across the Atlantic from Glace Bay to Poldhu.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for

automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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